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CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIMS

Claims 1, 4-7, 10, 12, 15 and 16 should read as follows:

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1.(amended) A process for preparing odorant polymers or plastics, in which comminuted or fine-particle first polymer material is mixed with a desired odorant, allowed to swell, and, after being allowed to swell with the odorant, is mixed with a second polymer material, where the first polymer material differs from the second polymer material and is selected from particulate cross-linked plastics or from thermoplastic elastomers which have rubbery properties, with a glass transition temperature T_g of $\leq 0^\circ\text{C}$, which is below the glass transition temperature of the second polymer material.

4.(amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first polymer material is mixed and allowed to swell with the odorant in a closed container.

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5.(amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first polymer material in the form of a powder is mixed with the odorant, allowed to swell, and then further processed with the second polymer material in ground, powder or pellet form under high pressure and at about room temperature, and with heating to a temperature which is below the glass transition temperature of the second polymer material, or with heating to a temperature which is above the glass transition temperature either of the first polymer material or of the second polymer material.

6.(amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first polymer material used comprises thermoplastics, thermoplastic elastomers, graft rubber, polymers of

renewable raw materials, polymers or polymer mixtures of starch.

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7.(amended) A process as claimed in claim 6, wherein the second polymer material is selected from the group consisting of polylactic acid, polyurethanes, polyamides, polyesters, polyesteramides, and polybutylene terephthalates, and further consisting of polymers, copolymers, block copolymers, triblock copolymers and graft copolymers of monomers selected from the group consisting of styrene, butadiene, acrylonitrile, (meth)acrylate, and acrylic esters, and further consisting of mixtures of said materials with polycarbonates.

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10.(amended) The process of applying the odorant polymer or plastic of claim 8 to an article for the defense against animals.

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12.(amended) The process of applying the composition of claim 11 to an article for altering and/or improving the odor properties of the articles.

15.(amended) The process of utilizing the article of claim 13 for improving room air quality.

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16.(amended) The process of utilizing the article of claim 13 for defense against animal pests.
